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E.O. 12065: GDS 4/24/85 (FLATIN, BRUCE A.) OR-M
TAGS: PEPR, PINR, PGOV, PINS, ASEC, US, AF
SUBJECT: (U) CHARGE'S APRIL 24 MEETING WITH AFGHAN PRIME
MINISTER AMIN: PART II OF II: AMB DUB'S DEATHREF: (A) STATE 102660 (NOTAL); (B) KABUL 3163 (NOTAL)
(C) KABUL 3220 (NOTAL)

1. (C - ENTIRE TEXT)

2. SUMMARY. AMIN INDICATED THAT WE MAY NOT RECEIVE THE
BALLISTIC EVIDENCE WE NEED FOR THE USG INVESTIGATION INTO
THE ABDUCTION AND DEATH OF AMBASSADOR DUBS. END SUMMARY.3. INFORMING AMIN THAT I HAD RECENTLY PRESENTED TO DEPUTY
FOREIGN MINISTER DOST A NEW FORMAL REQUEST FOR DETAILED
BALLISTIC EVIDENCE FROM THE TERRORIST'S GUNS SEIZED BY
THE AFGHAN POLICE ON FEBRUARY 14, I STRESSED THE SERIOUSNESS
WITH WHICH THE USG REGARDS THIS REQUEST.4. AMIN PROFESSED NOT TO KNOW ABOUT MY MEETING WITH
DOST, AND WONDERED WHY THE REQUEST WAS NECESSARY. HE
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REMEMBERED HAVING GIVEN SPECIFIC ORDERS ON FEBRUARY 14 THAT THE AMERICANS WERE TO BE PERMITTED TO VIEW THE WEAPONS AND PHOTOGRAPH THEM. I EXPLAINED THAT THREE AMERICAN OFFICERS, INCLUDING THE A/DCM, HAD TRIED TO DO EXACTLY THAT ON THE EVENING OF FEBRUARY 14, BUT THAT THEY HAD BEEN DIVERTED FROM ACCESS TO THE WEAPONS BY AN OFFICER WHO TOLD THEM THAT A REQUEST WOULD HAVE TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE "PRIME MINISTRY." OUR SUBSEQUENT REQUESTS THROUGH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAD NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL.

5. AMIN IGNORED THIS REBUTTAL, AND OBSERVED THAT HE HAD PERSONALLY HANDLED THE WEAPONS, INSPECTED THEM FOR ALL MARKS OF IDENTIFICATION, AND SEEN TO IT THAT AN ACCURATE DESCRIPTION WAS SENT TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY. I EXPLAINED THAT WE NOW NEEDED MUCH MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION AND EVIDENCE, SUCH AS TEST-FIRED BULLETS. AMIN THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE DIFFICULT TO RECOVER THE EXACT WEAPONS INVOLVED SINCE THEY HAD BY NOW PROBABLY BEEN TROWN INTO A COLLECTION OF "HUNDREDS" OF WEAPONS SEIZED FROM TERRORISTS OVER RECENT MONTHS. I CONCLUDED THIS DISCUSSION BY MAKING IT CLEAR TO AMIN THAT THE USG DOES NOT REGARD THE DUBS INCIDENT AS A "CLOSED" MATTER. HE APPEARED TO REGISTER THIS POINT, BUT MADE NO FURTHER COMMENT.

6. COMMENT: IF WE RECEIVE A NEGATIVE REPLY TO OUR LAST NOTE, THE EXCUSE GIVEN MAY BE THE ONE CITED — THE WEAPONS HAVE BEEN DISCARDED AND ARE NO LONGER RETRIEVABLE.
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